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Thomas M. Menino, Mayor

August 14, 2013

Mr. Jasper Craven
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Dear Mr. Craven,

I am writing to respond to your August 13 email requesting “documents detailing the estimated cost for every Boston park to operate, including for staff, maintenance, and supplies (mulch, bulbs, etc.). More broadly, a comprehensive budget for the parks department with itemized costs for the past year.”

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department does not keep data on what it costs to operate and maintain specific park properties. However, we invite you to read the Department’s budget information which can be found online at

http://www.cityofboston.gov/images_documents/08%20Public%20Property%20Cabinet_tcm3-37472.pdf

Please contact me again if you do not see the data you are seeking at our online location.

I would be pleased to answer any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Jacquelyn Goddard
Director of External Affairs and Communications

Cc: Henry Luthin
Boston Law Department



Boston Parks and Recreation Department

Antonia M. Pollak, Commissioner

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Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Request: The budget for the parks and recreation department

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From: 6487-82915865@requests.muckrock.com [<mailto:6487-82915865@requests.muckrock.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 5:31 PM

To: Parks

Subject: Freedom of Information Request: The budget for the parks and recreation department

August 13, 2013

Boston Parks and Recreation

1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor

Boston, MA 02118

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Public Records Law, M.G.L. c.66, §10, I hereby request the following records:

Documents detailing the estimated cost for every Boston park to operate, including for staff, maintenance, and supplies (mulch, bulbs, etc.). More broadly, a comprehensive budget for the parks department with itemized costs for the past year

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as we believe this request is in the public interest, as suggested but not stipulated by the recommendations of the Massachusetts Supervisor of Public Records. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.

I expect the request to be filled in an accessible format, including for screen readers, which provide text-to-speech for persons unable to read print. Files that are not accessible to screen readers include, for example, .pdf image files as well as physical documents.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Jasper Craven

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